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1. There are at present ten regiments of "Graniceri", or Frontier Guards. They are attached to the MAI (Ministerul Afacerilor Interne, or Ministry of Internal Affairs). This force was originally organized by Teohari Georgescu. The "Graniceri" are infantry. Their table of organization provides for "group", platoon, company, battalion, and regiment. "Group" apparently corresponds to the subdivision of a platoon ordinarily known as a "squad". There is also provision for motorization.
 2. There are several headquarters for various Graniceri units. These headquarters are mostly in the frontier zones bordering on Yugoslavia and the Black Sea. In other frontier zones, toward Bulgaria, along the Danube and Dobruja, and toward Hungary and the USSR, surveillance over the frontier is naturally rather lax. Or rather, it might be more accurate to say, it is taken over there by the USSR.
 3. The Frontier Guardsman is equipped with an ordinary Czechoslovak-made "ZB" repeating rifle, caliber 7.92. The Frontier Guards also use "ZB" machine guns, caliber 7.92 with a rectangular magazine carrying forty rounds, on the upper part of the gun. They also have "ZB" sub-machine guns, carried with slings. In zones along the Yugoslav frontier, they carry the Soviet 7.62 rifle.
 4. Every company always has a section (group) of machine gunners.
 5. Rations are good in the Frontier Guards: 500 grams of bread, coffee, 150 grams of marmalade, soup, meat (three times a week), pastry, free cigarettes, or candy for non-smokers. The pay is fifteen to twenty lei (new currency) a month.

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6. Instruction includes the inevitable Communist ideology, the study of surveillance, theory of arms, tactics, attack and defense. All this is theoretical. Practical instruction includes: handling of weapons, fire, cleaning arms, training in attack and defense, various Soviet "gadgets" (traps).
7. The Black Sea coast is guarded by the Naval Division Graniceri. This force has its headquarters at Brăila, for the Danube and the Danube delta, and at Constanța for the sea coast proper. It operates sixteen guard motorboats, thirty guard boats ("vedettes") of Sturmboot type, sloops, supply barges, various oar-propelled boats.
8. The motorboats of the coast guard are stationed as follows:
 - a. One each at Mangalia, Surlui, [sic] Braila, Tulcea, Cernavoda, Giurgiu, Calafat, Turnu Severin.
 - b. Four at Constanța.
 - c. Two at Galați.
9. The guardboats are built with a steel hull, fifteen meters long, 3.5 meters beam, and are equipped with a Diesel motor of the Sulzer type, 120 hp. They have 13 tons displacement. There are, however, some coast guard boats with wooden hulls, covered with sheet iron in some places. These are only nine meters long, with a two meter beam, drawing 60 cm of water. Their motors are of 35 hp. and are German made. They have a speed of 30 to 35 kilometers per hour.
10. Barges (shlep) are built in Rumanian dockyards at Brăila. They displace forty tons and have a sheet iron hull. They are 20 meters long, with a beam of six meters. Under steam they have a speed of 20 kilometers per hour. Each unit has one commander, one junior officer, one machinist, one mechanician, one helmsman, crew of armed sailors, number not stated.
11. Regimental headquarters of the ten Graniceri regiments are as follows:
 - 1st Regt. - Bucharest, Street General Angelescu
 - 2nd Regt. - Brăila, Galați section
 - 3rd Regt. - Timisoara, Crivitz
 - 4th Regt. - Timisoara
 - 5th Regt. - Brad
 - 6th Regt. - Orsova
 - 7th Regt. - Buză-Mare
 - 8th Regt. - Constanta
 - 9th Regt. - Turnu-Severin
 - 10th Regt. - Oradea

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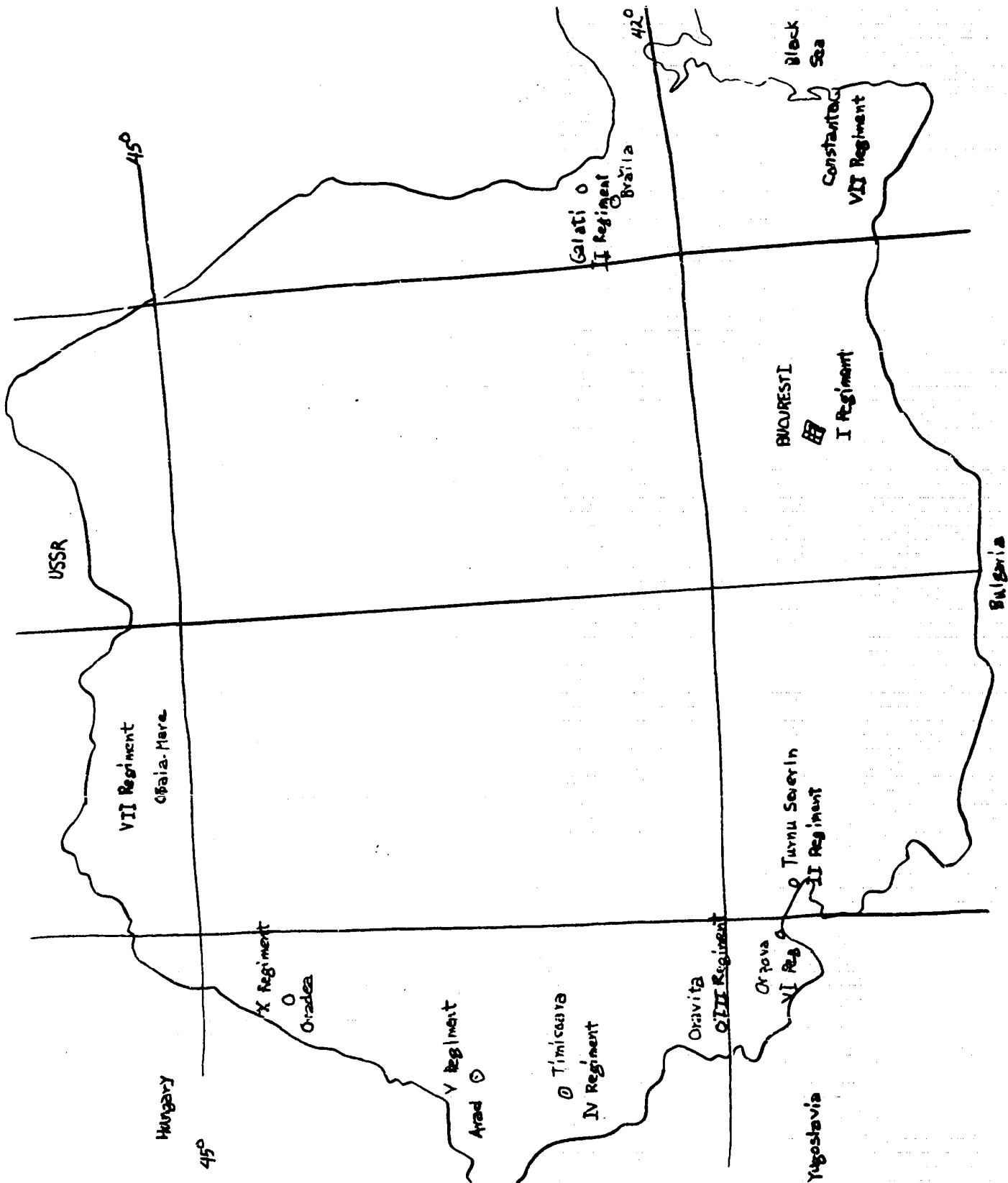
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